



MANISTEE LOCAL REVENUE SHARING BOARD

c/o Manistee County Controller/Administrator's Office
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MEMBERS:

Dennis Bjorkquist, Chairperson
B. Allan O'Shea, Vice-Chairperson
Colleen Kenny, Secretary

MINUTES

Monday, May 8, 2006
5:00 P.M.

Manistee County Road Commission Building
8946 Chippewa Highway, Bear Lake, MI

Members Present: Dennis Bjorkquist, Chairperson; B. Allan O'Shea, Vice-Chairperson; and Colleen Kenny, Secretary

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Thomas Kaminski, Recording Secretary; Jeri Lyn Prielipp; and numerous audience members.

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 P.M. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call was taken.

The Chairman requested approval of the meeting Agenda.

There was a motion by Ms. Kenny, supported by Mr. O'Shea to approve the Monday, May 8, 2006, meeting Agenda. Motion carried.

The Chairman then requested approval of the minutes from the Monday, April 10, 2006, meeting of the Manistee Local Revenue Sharing Board.

There was a motion by Mr. O'Shea, supported by Ms. Kenny to approve the Monday, April 10, 2006 Minutes of the Manistee Local Revenue Sharing Board, as presented. Motion carried.

There was no public comment.

The Chairman requested that the Memorandum from Prosecuting Attorney, Ford Stone, dated April 5, 2006, regarding the 2006 Cycle I Grant Application Synopsis be made a part of public record (APPENDIX A).

The Board next discussed setting the Cycle II-2006 grant deadline dates. Chairman Bjorkquist requested that the Board consider changing the November 13, 2006 meeting date. Following discussion,

There was a motion by Mr. Bjorkquist, supported by Ms. Kenny to set the Cycle II-2006 grant application deadline for 5:00 P.M. on Friday, September 15, 2006, in the County Controller/Administrator's Office, 415 Third Street, Manistee, MI, 49660; to set the verbal presentation meeting for 5:00 P.M. on Monday, October 9, 2006; and to change the grant award meeting date from Monday, November 13, 2006, to Monday, November 6, 2006 at 5:00 P.M. These meetings will be held at the Manistee County Road Commission building, 8946 Chippewa Highway, Bear Lake, Michigan. Motion carried.

The Board next considered approving an invoice from Municipal Underwriters of Michigan, Inc., for liability insurance renewal in the amount of \$3,822. (APPENDIX B).

There was a motion by Mr. O'Shea, supported by Ms. Kenny to approve payment of invoice #4128-R, dated April 21, 2006, in the amount of \$3,822 to Municipal Underwriters of Michigan, Inc., for liability insurance.

A roll call vote was taken:

Yeas: 3 (Bjorkquist, O'Shea and Kenny)

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

The Chairman requested that Mr. Kaminski provide the Financial Report. Mr. Kaminski reported that the Revenue Sharing Board has a balance of \$1,184,955.78, available for distribution in the Cycle I 2006 grant cycle, which includes interest earnings of \$17,368.54 for January 1 through March 31, 2006, and deducting the administrative fees approved at the April meeting. Taking into account the \$3,822 payment to Municipal Underwriters of Michigan, Inc., the current account balance is \$1,181,133.78.

The Chairman and the Board members entered into a dialogue. Mr. O'Shea agreed with the Chairman's comment that the grant award process is becoming more and more difficult. Mr. O'Shea expressed concern with the sizable/huge grant requests that are coming before the Board and the shrinking amount of money the Board has available to distribute. He suggested that the Board look into what can be done to cut costs, such as legal and administrative fees. Mr. O'Shea also suggested the Board look a little closer at the fairness of P.I.L.T. recipients being given equal priority as all the other applicants. Chairman Bjorkquist reiterated that it is the Board's job to consider those who are the most affected.

The Board proceeded to consider authorizing grant payments based upon Cycle I-2006 Grant Applications. Mr. Kaminski reported that the Board is obligated to distribute a minimum of \$236,410.91 in the form of Public Safety grants.

There was a motion by Mr. Bjorkquist, supported by Mr. O'Shea to award \$10,000 to the Manistee Township Fire Department to purchase a portable fire pump and fittings, personal protection gear, and fire nozels.

A roll call vote was taken:

Yeas: 3 (Bjorkquist, O'Shea and Kenny)

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

There was a motion by Mr. O'Shea, supported by Ms. Kenny to award \$31,514 to Charter Township of Filer to purchase equipment for the Filer Incident Support Team.

A roll call vote was taken:

Yeas: 3 (Bjorkquist, O'Shea and Kenny)

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

There was a motion by Mr. Bjorkquist, supported by Ms. Kenny, to award \$35,581.50 to the Manistee County Medical Care Facility to be used to purchase and install a new generator at the Medical Care Facility.

A roll call vote was taken:

Yeas: 3 (Bjorkquist, O'Shea and Kenny)

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

There was a motion by Ms. Kenny, supported by Mr. O'Shea to award a partial grant of \$10,000 to the Aracadia Township Fire Department to be used toward the purchase of turn out gear.

A roll call vote was taken:

Yeas: 3 (Bjorkquist, O'Shea and Kenny)

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

There was a motion by Mr. Bjorkquist, supported by Ms. Kenny, to award \$27,500 to the Manistee County Blacker Airport to be used to cover the local match for the purchase of an aircraft fire fighting rescue vehicle.

A roll call vote was taken:

Yeas: 3 (Bjorkquist, O'Shea and Kenny)

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

There was a motion by Mr. O'Shea, supported by Ms. Kenny to award \$30,000 to the Manistee County Firefighters Association to purchase a 6000 PSI breathing compressor.

A roll call vote was taken:

Yeas: 3 (Bjorkquist, O'Shea and Kenny)

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

There was a motion by Mr. O'Shea, supported by Ms. Kenny to award a partial grant of \$12,000 to the Onekama Township Fire Department to purchase wild land respirators, helmets with goggles, and wild land approved boots.

A roll call vote was taken:

Yeas: 3 (Bjorkquist, O'Shea and Kenny)

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

There was a motion by Ms. Kenny, supported by Mr. O'Shea, to award a partial grant of \$35,000 to the Stronach Township Fire Department to be used toward the purchase of a new water tanker.

A roll call vote was taken:

Yeas: 3 (Bjorkquist, O'Shea and Kenny)

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

There was a motion by Mr. Bjorkquist, supported by Mr. O'Shea to award \$20,000 to the City of Manistee to upgrade in-car video systems to a digital format.

A roll call vote was taken:

Yeas: 3 (Bjorkquist, O'Shea and Kenny)

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

There was a motion by Mr. O'Shea, supported by Ms. Kenny to award a partial grant of \$14,000 to the City of Manistee Fire Department and the Filer Charter Township Fire Department to be used toward the purchase "Knox" boxes for area businesses.

A roll call vote was taken:

Yeas: 3 (Bjorkquist, O'Shea and Kenny)

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

There was a motion by Mr. O'Shea, supported by Ms. Kenny to award a partial grant of \$10,000 to the Manistee County Sheriff's Office to begin to conduct a County-wide dog census.

A roll call vote was taken:

Yeas: 3 (Bjorkquist, O'Shea and Kenny)

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

There was a motion by Ms. Kenny, supported by Mr. O'Shea, to award an additional partial grant of \$1,000 to the Stronach Township Fire Department to be used toward the purchase of a new water tanker.

A roll call vote was taken:

Yeas: 3 (Bjorkquist, O'Shea and Kenny)

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

At this point in the meeting, Mr. Kaminski announced that the Board's minimum Public Safety obligation had been met and the balance remaining for distribution is \$944,538.

The Chairman apologized to those Public Safety grant applicants whose applications were rejected by the Board due to unanswered questions, not being signed by a member of the governing body, etc. The Chairman also expressed the Board's gratitude to the United States troops that are serving our Country in the war in Iraq.

The Chairman then directed the Board to the two applications submitted under Category III - Offset of Actual Operating Expenses. The Chairman felt that the application submitted by Mason County for reimbursement for lost tax revenues requires more research, and reported the Board is awaiting a response from Eric Bush and David Hicks of the State of Michigan in that regard.

Chairman Bjorkquist made motion to award \$6,638.48 to the Manistee County Sheriff's Office for the investigation of complaints and overtime and meal expenses incurred by Corrections Officers and Deputies attending US District Court proceedings in Grand Rapids. This motion failed for lack of support.

Colleen Kenny voiced concern with the Board not being able to meet Cycle II-2006 obligations. She reiterated for the Board that the April 3, 2006 Financial Report reflects an estimated amount of \$931,854 that will be available for Offset, Other, and additional Public Safety grants in November 2006, after meeting the minimum public safety obligation, less expenses, reserving \$10,000, adding interest earnings, and setting aside \$1,723,156 for the 2006 projected P.I.L.T. obligation. It was her suggestion that the Board consider setting aside the remaining Cycle I balance, allowing it to earn additional interest, and wait to see what will be available for Cycle II. Mr. O'Shea added that it is a weak assumption to say that none of the other applicants are not impacted seriously by the casino.

Mr. Kaminski pointed out to the Board that the Compact has a method for distributing the monies in the following order of priority: #1 Public Safety grants (1/8th obligation); #2 Offset grants; #3 Payment in Lieu of Taxes (P.I.L.T.); and #4 Other grants. In lieu of this information, Sheriff Kowalkowski requested the Board revisit his Department's offset grant application and requested that the Board reconsider supporting Mr. Bjorkquist's prior motion and bringing it to a vote. Mr. O'Shea and Ms. Kenny do not feel that overtime and meal expenses for officers and deputies to attend court proceedings in Grand Rapids is a direct expense, but they did agree to reconsider reimbursing the Sheriff for the expenses to investigate fraud complaints.

There was a motion by Ms. Kenny, supported by Mr. O'Shea to award a partial offset reimbursement of \$2,225.48 to the Manistee County Sheriff's Office for expenses for investigating fraud complaints.

A roll call vote was taken:

Yeas: 3 (Bjorkquist, O'Shea and Kenny)

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

The Board agreed that there were many excellent applications submitted in Cycle I-2006. However, it was the consensus of the Board that funds need to be set aside to meet the Cycle II-2006 obligations. Mr. Kaminski cautioned the Board that the estimates that he provided in his Financial Report for Cycle II-2006 are simply that, i.e. estimates. Mr. Kaminski reported that there is a remaining balance of \$942,312.80.

There was a motion by Ms. Kenny, supported by Mr. O'Shea that \$942,312.80 be retained to meet Cycle II-2006 obligations. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Revenue Sharing Board and with no other concerns from Board members, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Kenny 9/11/06
Colleen Kenny, Secretary



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Appendix A
Ford K. Stone, Prosecuting Attorney

David A. Thompson, Chief Assistant Prosecuting Attorney

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Thomas D. Kaminski, County Controller/Administrator

FROM: Ford K. Stone, Prosecuting Attorney *(Signature: FKS)*

DATE: April 5, 2006

RE: 2006 Cycle I Grant Application Synopsis

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I have reviewed the 2006 Cycle I Grant Application Synopsis. After doing so, I note items A24 and A25 are requests by Manistee Catholic Schools for Revenue Sharing Funds. Be aware that I have been approached by a member of the community questioning whether public money can be used for parochial school purposes. I do not know whether the Revenue Sharing Board has sought the opinion of counsel on this issue, but I wanted to bring it to your attention so that it did not come as a surprise to you.

No formal complaint has been made to the Prosecutor's office at this time. If you should have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

REC'D 9-10-06



Municipal Underwriters of Michigan, Inc.

P.O. Box 400
Houghton Lake, MI 48629-0400
1-800-241-8398

Original Invoice

(APPENDIX B)

Manistee Local Revenue Sharing Board
C/O Tom Kaminski, Secretary
415 3rd Street
Manistee, MI 49660

INVOICE DATE	INVOICE #
4/21/2006	4128-R

POLICY NUMBER	EFFECTIVE DATE	EXPIRATION DATE
MTP-072573	05/01/2006	05/01/2007

POLICY TYPE	DESCRIPTION	RATE	CHARGE
MTPP	Municipal Package Policy - Renewal	3,822.00	3,822.00
To All Premiums Unpaid 30 Days After Effective Date, A Service Charge Of 1.5% Per Month Will Be Added. Which is an Annual Percentage Rate of 18%.		Total Due:	\$3,822.00